

COUNTRY

TOPIC Military Information from Oranienburg

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1. During the period from 19 to 22 September 1952, the SS Kaserne in Sachsenhausen and the concentration camp on Bernauer Allee, Oranienburg (N 53°4' 77), were only partially occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank or motor transport insignia. Sixty soldiers were engaged in athletics and about 50 soldiers were maintaining 8 T-34 tanks. 25X1

2. During the period from 19 to 22 September 1952, the Weisse Stadt settlement west of Berliner Strasse was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport and artillery insignia and by 50 air force soldiers. On 22 September, trucks [redacted] shuttled about 100 soldiers to the training area in Pergsdorf. Other soldiers threw hand grenades near the barracks installation and received firing training with rifles. 25X1

3. At noon on 22 September, a train loaded with 30 [redacted] T-34 tanks was at the Oranienburg railroad station. The train did not have a locomotive. [redacted] the tanks were not new. 25X1

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4. On 24 September, an armored personnel carrier mounting two machine guns, one on the driver's cab pointing forward and the other one in the middle of the vehicle pointing rearward, entered the SS Kaserne on Fernauer Allee. [REDACTED] During the preceding week [REDACTED] observed trucks hauling billeting equipment and mattresses to the SS Kaserne during the night. The vehicles also left the installation at night. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a Russian named Vasilenkov (fmu) allegedly said that the SS Kaserne and the concentration camp would not be occupied by Volkspolizei this year because there was too much trouble in the vicinity of Berlin. Forty soldiers who were trained as craftsmen in the concentration camp were scheduled to move to Neuruppin on 8 October. [REDACTED] the troops stationed in Oranienburg would return on about 15 September. [REDACTED]

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5. On 15 September, there was no activity in the Weisse Stadt settlement on Berliner Strasse. Most of the garages were vacant. There was no activity at the repair shops.

6. On 13 September, a column consisting of jeeps [REDACTED] and 15 trucks [REDACTED] passed through Berliner Allee between the castle and the railroad line. All soldiers seen had red-bordered black epaulets. At 6 p.m. on 14 September, a column consisting of 1 jeep and 7 trucks, [REDACTED] passed through Berliner Allee, coming from the direction of Pergsdorf. The personnel seen also had red-bordered black epaulets.¹

[REDACTED]

7. During the period from 16 to 24 September 1952, the SS Kaserne in Sachsenhausen and the concentration camp were still occupied by a tank construction unit and the driver school unit of Lieutenant Colonel Markin. On 24 September, the conditioning of buildings Nos 121, 123, 125 and 138 of the SS Kaserne was nearing completion. These buildings had to be available by 27 September. (3)

25X1 8. On 24 September, [REDACTED] the rear detail of Unit Zimilov which consisted of about 200 soldiers and was quartered in the castle at August Bebel Platz was scheduled to vacate the castle upon completion of buildings Nos 121, 123 and 125 in the SS Kaserne and to move to this installation. (3) [REDACTED] the unit would later go to Bernau and that the castle would later be reconditioned and turned over to German agencies.

25X1 9. In late September, [REDACTED] at the construction office for the district of Oranienburg that buildings Nos 9 and 10, and, possibly, 2 and 11 of the Weisse Stadt settlement which were located inside the fence surrounding the settlement, would be relinquished and turned over to civilian use. (4)

25X1 10. [REDACTED] the SS Kaserne in Sachsenhausen [REDACTED] 25X1
25X1 [REDACTED] the tank units would return to the installation prior to 15 October. [REDACTED] 25X1

11. At noon on 15 September, a column consisting of jeeps [REDACTED] between 20 and 25 van-like trucks [REDACTED] proceeded in the direction of Oranienburg. The column came from the direction of Nassenheide. The soldiers seen with the column wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia.¹

25X1 12. On 2 September, a camp consisting of 4 tents, including 2 large tents, 6 x 20 meters, and occupied by at least 10 to 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the Zehlendorf-Liebenwalde (N 53/E 79) road junction in the direction of Kreuzbruch southeast of Liebenwalde. A resident in Zehlendorf

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stated that, at that time, firing practice for aircraft was performed daily in the area near Kreuzbruch during the early morning hours. The tents were not observed on 15 September.

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[REDACTED]

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. No changes appeared to have occurred at the Oranienburg military post prior to 24 September 1952. [REDACTED]. The occupation of the Eissee Stadt settlement consisted of a rear detail of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US). It appears credible that elements of this detail and the bulk moved to Doeberitz in mid-September 1952 as on 28 September 1952, an unloaded rear shipment of this brigade was still in Doeberitz.

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A report [REDACTED] in July had already indicated that the

occupation of Oranienburg castle would possibly be changed and that the Landratsamt

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would probably move in. [REDACTED] Previous reports indicate that

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the SS Kaserne and the concentration camp were reoccupied by units of the 25th

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Tank Div this fall. [REDACTED] Judging from the situation observed

at other training grounds in East Germany there is a possibility that the units

of the division may return from the Tempolin troop training grounds during the

first half of October.

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